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a transmitting unit transmitting the file as broadcasting data stored in said file storing unit to within a local area via the selected channel.

4. (AS TWICE AMENDED) A local area information terminal selectively receiving broadcasting information transmitted via a plurality of channels within a local area, said terminal comprising:

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a retrieving unit retrieving a channel through which the broadcasting data can be received, said broadcasting data being transmitted via a channel of the plurality of channels selected starting with a lower-number channel from among a plurality of free channels;

a selecting unit selecting, when the broadcasting data different from each other are being transmitted via the plurality of channels, a receiving channel;

a displaying unit displaying the broadcasting data received by the selected channel;

an identifier storing unit extracting an identifier for specifying a transmitter out of the broadcasting data and storing the identifier;

a mail editing unit creating a return message to the transmitter on the basis of the transmitter identifier read from said identifier storing unit; and

a returning unit returning the mail created by said mail editing unit.

6. (AS TWICE AMENDED) A local area information terminal capable of transmitting and receiving broadcasting data within a local area, comprising:

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a file storing unit storing a file previously created;

a channel retrieving unit retrieving a free channel among broadcasting channels allocated to respective frequency bandwidths;

a transmitting unit transmitting the file as broadcasting data stored in said file storing unit to within a local area via the retrieved channel, said transmitting unit selecting, when there exist a plurality of free channels, a free channel starting from a lower-number channel;

a retrieving unit retrieving a channel through which the broadcasting data can be received within the local area;

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a selecting unit selecting, when the broadcasting data different from each other are being transmitted via the plurality of channels, a receiving channel; and

a displaying unit displaying the broadcasting data received via the selected channel.

Please ADD the following new claims 10-17:

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10. (AS NEW) A local area information terminal comprising:

- a file storing unit storing a file previously created;
- a channel retrieving unit retrieving a free channel among broadcasting channels allocated to respective frequency bandwidths;
- a channel displaying unit displaying, when there exists a plurality of free channels, the plurality of free channels retrieved by the channel retrieving unit;
- a channel selecting unit making a transmitter select a free channel from the plurality of free channels; and
- a transmitting unit transmitting the file as broadcasting data stored in said file storing unit to within a local area via the selected channel.

11. (AS NEW) A local area information terminal according to claim 10, further comprising a cipher processing unit,

wherein the file read from said file storing unit is encrypted by said cipher processing unit and thereafter transmitted from said transmitting unit.

12. (AS NEW) A local area information terminal according to claim 10, wherein the file is a file in an HTML format.

13. (AS NEW) A local area information terminal selectively receiving broadcasting information transmitted via a plurality of channels within a local area, said terminal comprising:

a retrieving unit retrieving a channel through which the broadcasting data can be received;

a channel displaying unit displaying, when the broadcasting data different from each other are being transmitted via the plurality of channels, the plurality of channels retrieved by the retrieving unit;

a selecting unit selecting a receiving channel from the plurality of channels;

a displaying unit displaying the broadcasting data received by the selected channel;

an identifier storing unit extracting an identifier for specifying a transmitter out of the broadcasting data and storing the identifier;

a mail editing unit creating a return message to the transmitter on the basis of the transmitter identifier read from said identifier storing unit; and

a returning unit returning the mail created by said mail editing unit.

14. (AS NEW) A local area information terminal according to claim 13, further comprising a cipher processing unit, if the broadcasting data received have been encrypted, decoding the encrypted data by decrypting the same data.

15. (AS NEW) A local area information terminal capable of transmitting and receiving broadcasting data within a local area, comprising:

a file storing unit storing a file previously created;

a channel retrieving unit retrieving a free channel among broadcasting channels allocated to respective frequency bandwidths;

a transmitting unit transmitting the file as broadcasting data stored in said file storing unit to within a local area via the retrieved channel;

a retrieving unit retrieving a channel through which the broadcasting data can be received within the local area;

a channel displaying unit displaying, when the broadcasting data different from each other are being transmitted via the plurality of channels, the plurality of channels retrieved by the retrieving unit;

a selecting unit selecting a receiving channel from the plurality of channels; and
a displaying unit displaying the broadcasting data received via the selected channel.

16. (AS NEW) A local area information terminal capable of transmitting and receiving broadcasting data within a local area according to claim 15, further comprising:

a mail editing unit creating a return mail to a transmitter of the broadcasting data received; and

a returning unit for returning the return mail.

17. (AS NEW) A local area information terminal capable of transmitting and receiving broadcasting data within a local area according to claim 16, further comprising

an identifier storing unit extracting an identifier for specifying a transmitter out of the broadcasting data and storing the identifier,

wherein said mail editing unit sets a return destination of the return mail to the transmitter on the basis of the transmitter identifier read from said identifier storing unit.

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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 1, 2002, claims 1, 2, and 6 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being anticipated by Ghori (U.S. Patent No. 6,282,714-B1) in view of Hamalainen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,729,541), and claims 3-5 and 7-9 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ghori in view of Hamalainen et al. and in further view of Spaur (U.S. Patent No. 5,732,074). The foregoing rejections are respectfully traversed.

Although the Examiner rejects claim 9 as indicated herein above, claim 9 was cancelled in the Amendment filed July 15, 2002.

Claims 1, 4, and 6 are amended. New claims 10-17 are added.

Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. A Version with Markings to Show Changes Made to the claims is included herewith.